

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendments submitted 16 May 2008.
2. Claims 1-7 and 9-53 have been presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

3. In view of Applicant's amendments, the 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections are withdrawn. The claims now recite "a first computer" and "a second computer". Thus, the claims necessarily require hardware elements, and therefore meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7 and 9-53 are allowed.
5. An Examiner's statement of **Reasons for Allowance** was included in the Office Action dated 25 January 2008.

Examiner note: The term "computer-readable medium" (as recited in independent claims 22, 32, 49 and 53, and the subsequent dependent claims) is interpreted in view of page 7: lines 5-7 and 19-21 of the specification.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shambhavi Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-5877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah can be reached on (571) 272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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